

# **NGI Program at DARPA**

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# Outline

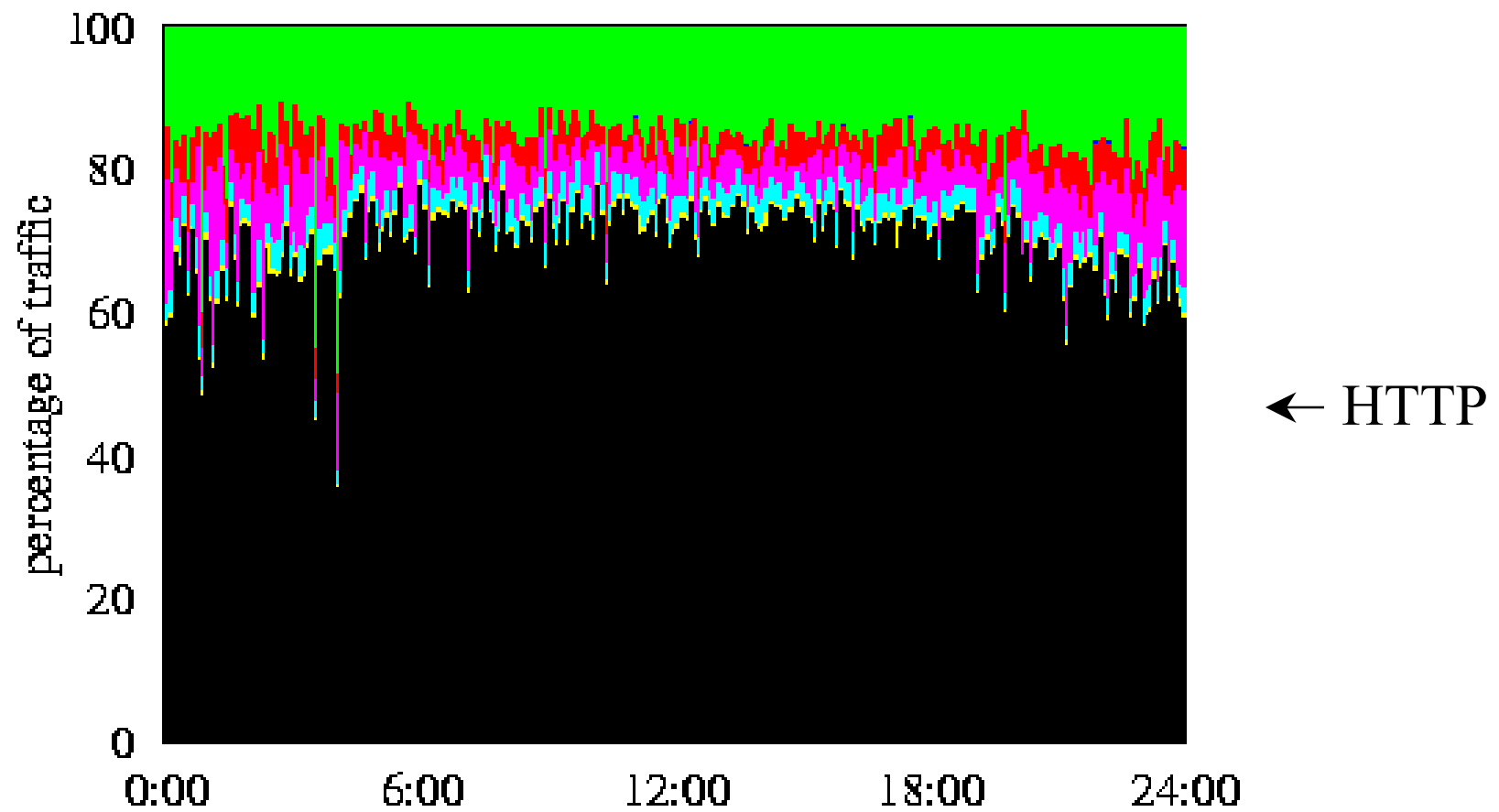
- Program Objectives
- SuperNet Technology
- Network Engineering
- SuperNet Testbed Deployment
- New Applications Development
- Tech Transfer

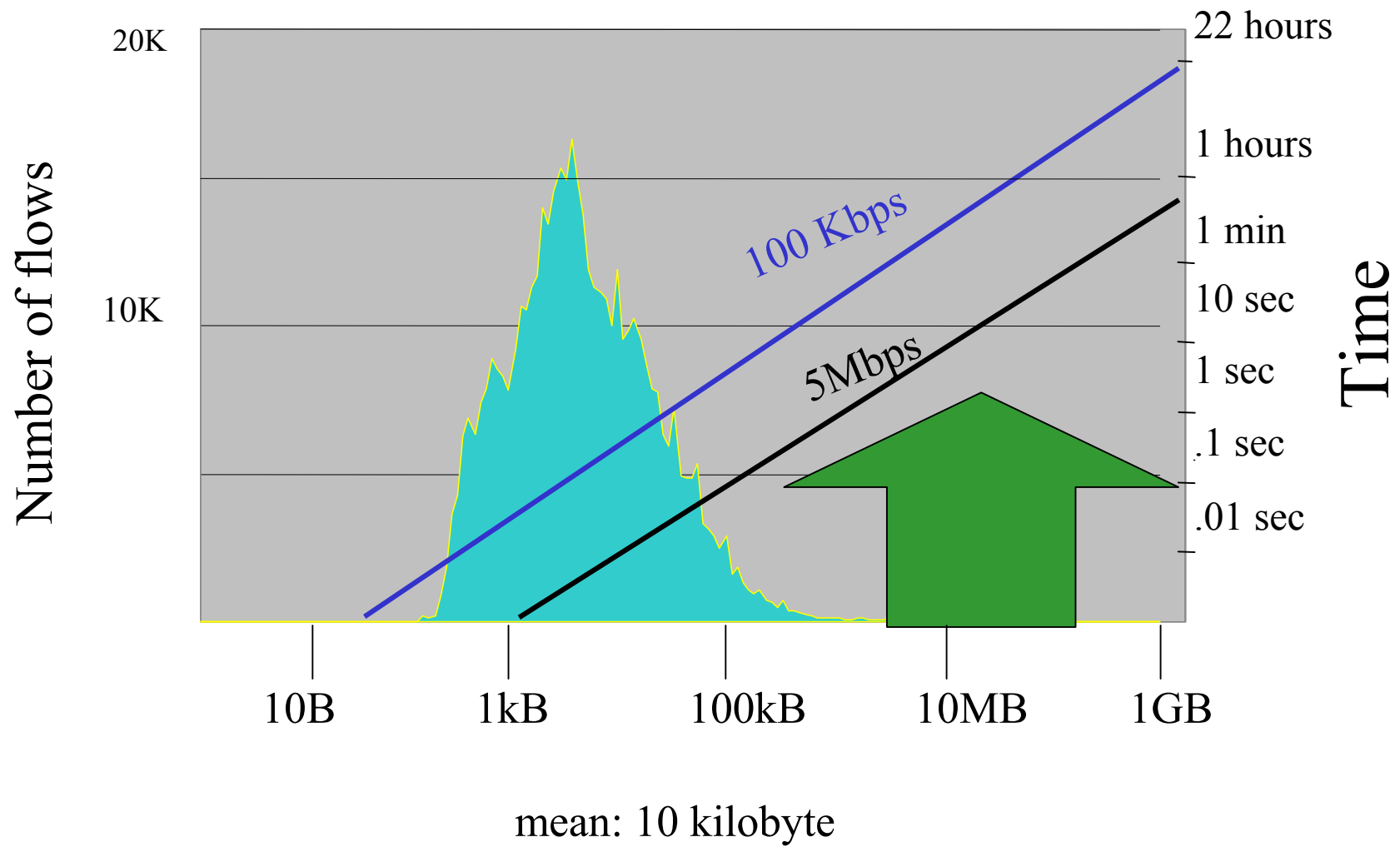
## Information Technology Programs

Related programs (with networking component)  
supported by DARPA

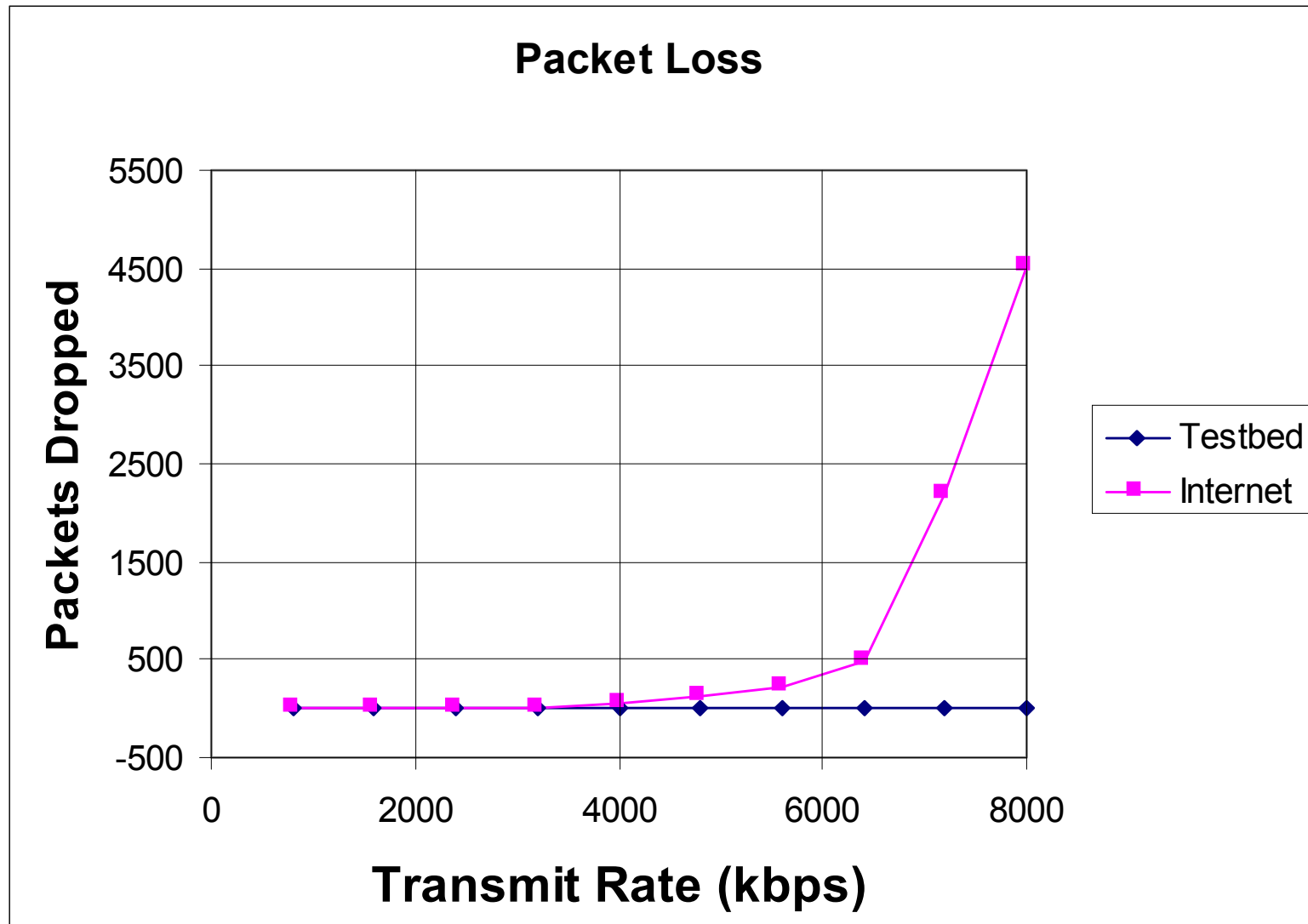
- Tolerant Networks
- Inherent Survivability
- Simulations and Modeling
- SensIT
- Quorum
- Active Networks

## Today's Internet Traffic Makeup

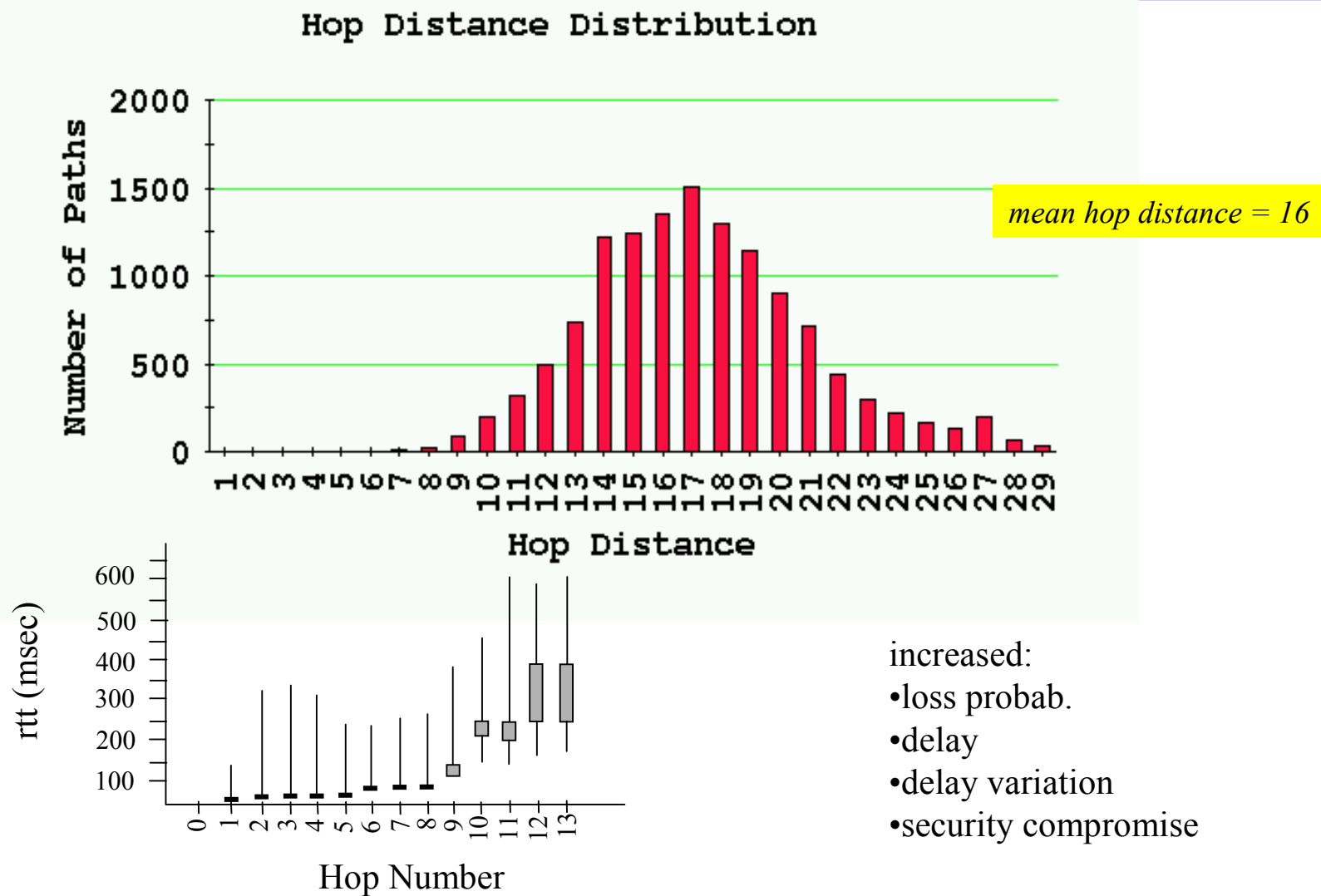




## Today's Internet Packet Loss vs Transmission Rates



# Scaling the Internet



# Goals

**To enable ultra-high bandwidth on demand over national networks guaranteed over the shared infrastructure**

- *Simplified protocol layering - IP over dynamic Optical Network.*

- *End-to-end perf : regional & local access network.*

***SuperNet***

**Create tools that greatly automate planning and management functions enabling networks to grow while limiting the cost and complexity of network management and control**

- *Adaptive network management and control software*

- *Large-scale network monitoring/analysis/visualization tools*

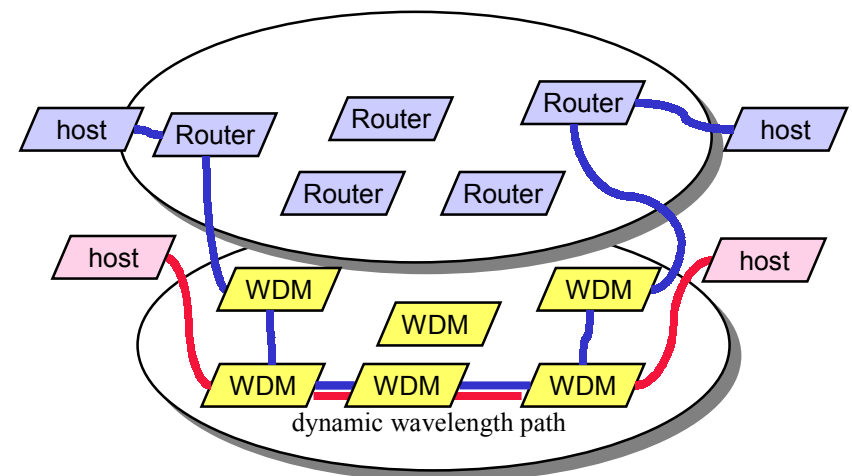
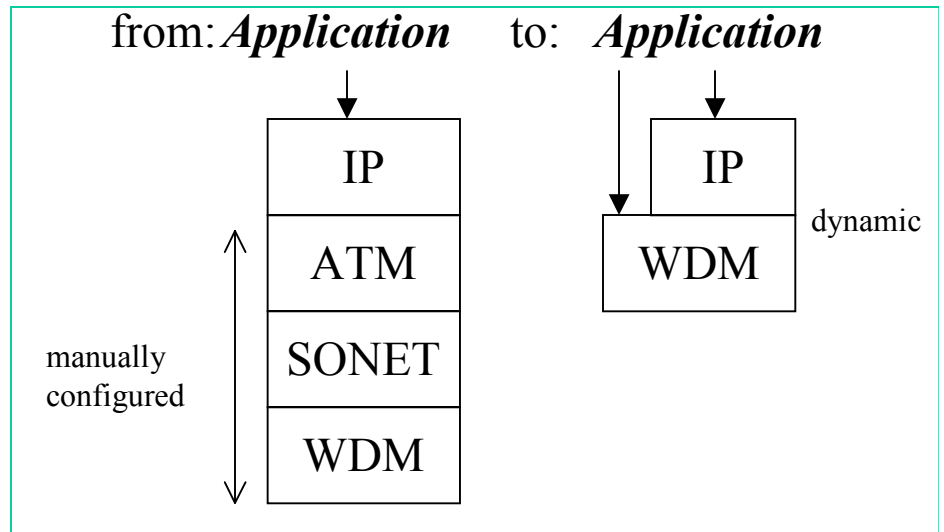
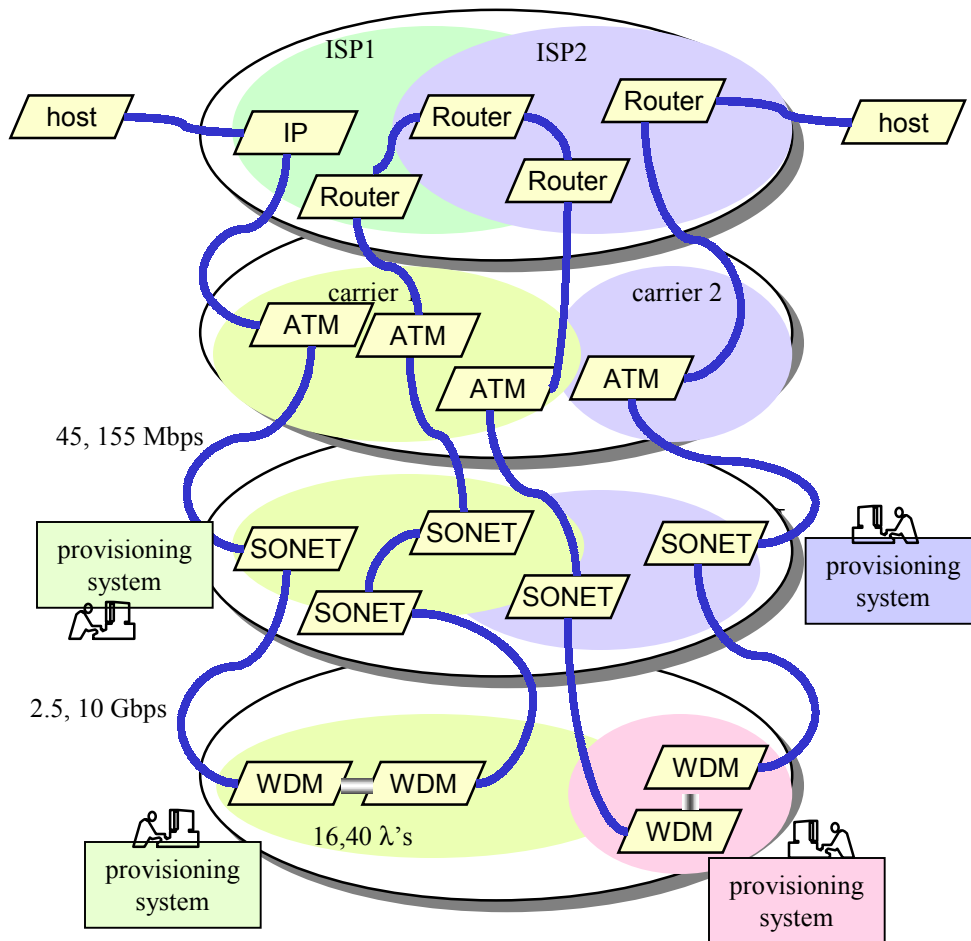
***Network Engineering***

**Develop, test, deploy applications requiring gigabit end to end throughput**

***Apps***



# SuperNet: Simplifying Protocol Stacks



## “Optical Networking” trends

- 1996 1Tbps transmission demonstration using WDM
- 1999 3 Tbps transmission over limited span but 1 Tbps transmission over 10,000 km unregenerated span
- deployed ‘optical networks’ uses high capacity WDM links on a point to point spans in core networks
- emergence of startups based on ‘reconfigurable’ (provisionable) optical networking nodes supporting optical layer network restoration

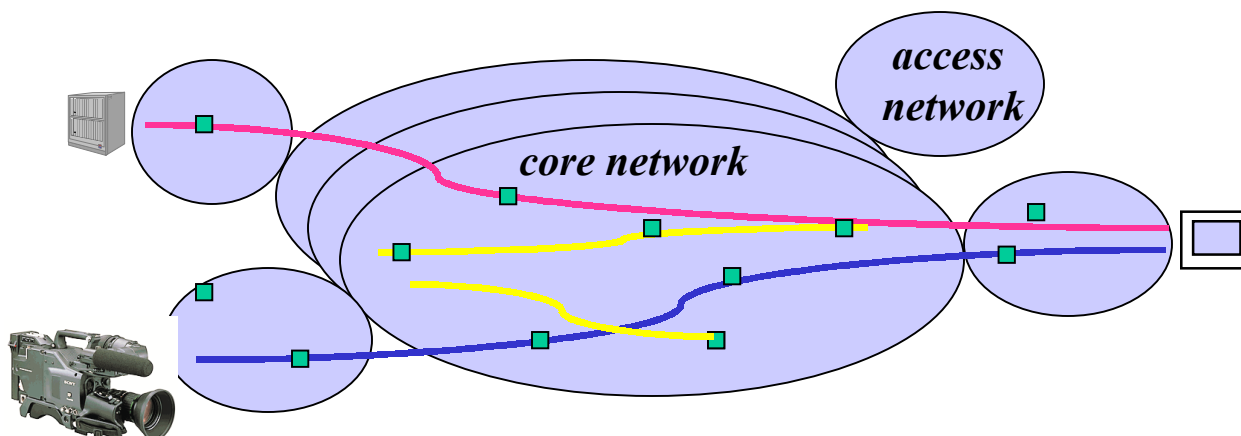
# SuperNet Goals

To enable ultra-high bandwidth on demand over national networks, guaranteed over the shared infrastructure

**Target:** *Multi-Gbps end to end*

**Approach:**

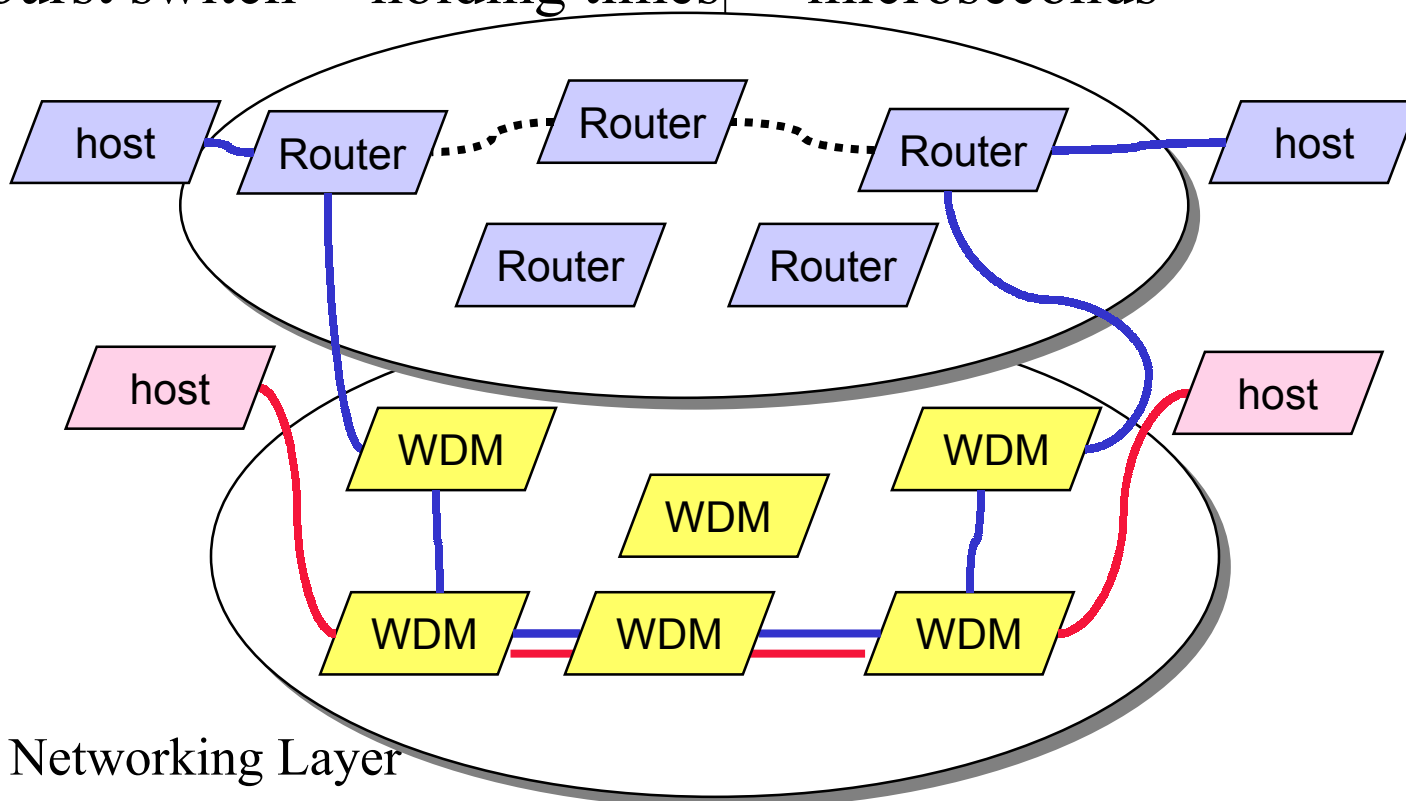
- *Streamlined networking protocol stacks*
- *Stress end-to-end architecture and performance*
- *Technologies for regional, metropolitan, local area network.*
- *Take advantage of dynamically controlled optical layer*



# Optical Networking

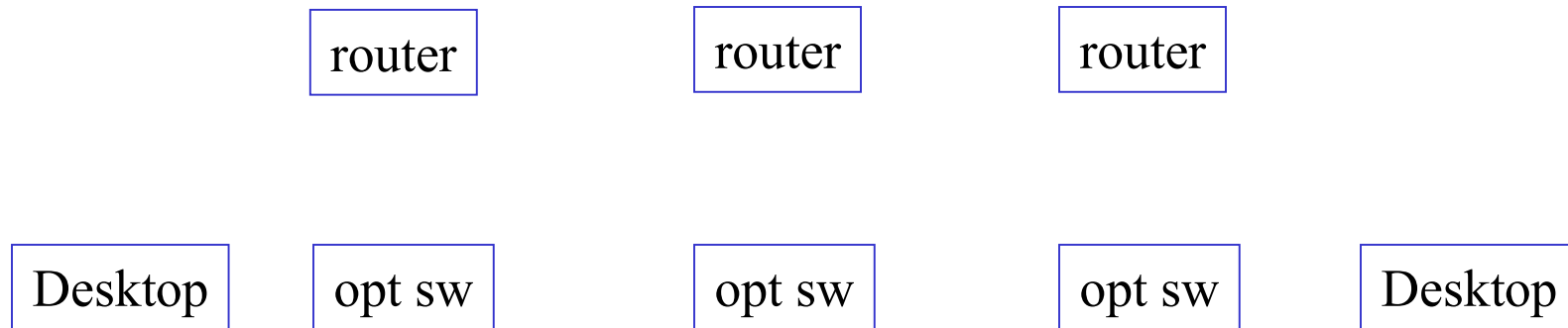
- WDM based router bypass
- Optical Flow Switching -- based on aggregate traffic change
- Host-triggered path setup -- holding times  $\sim >$  seconds
- Optical burst switch -- holding times  $\sim >$  microseconds

*end-to-end  
perf, flexibility*



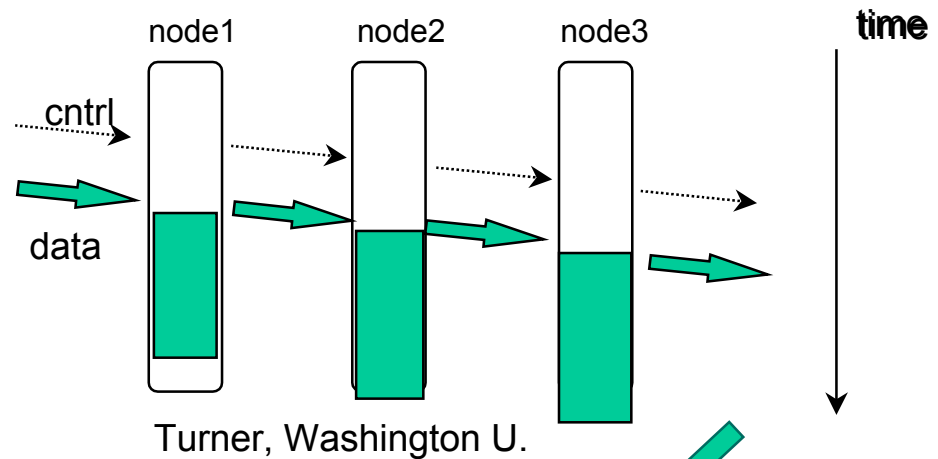
Dynamic Optical Networking Layer  
transparent, opaque, or regenerated

# Optical Flow Switch (Optical Bypass)

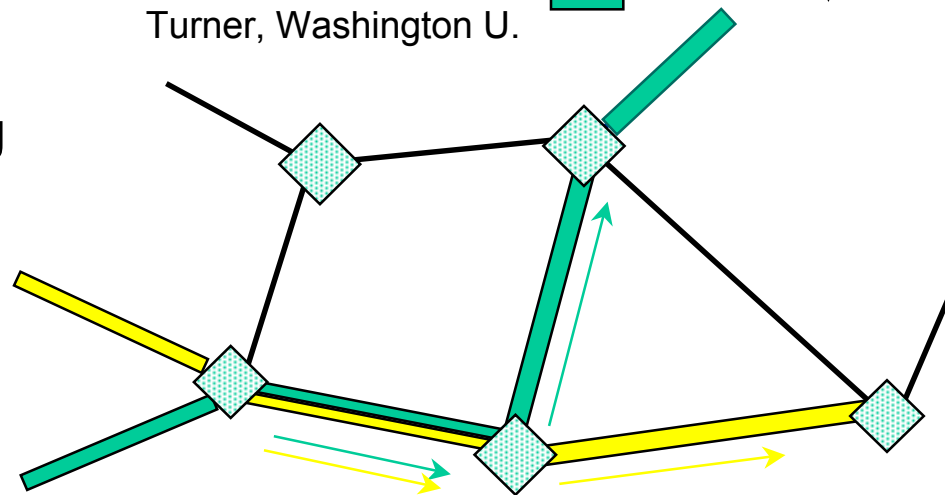
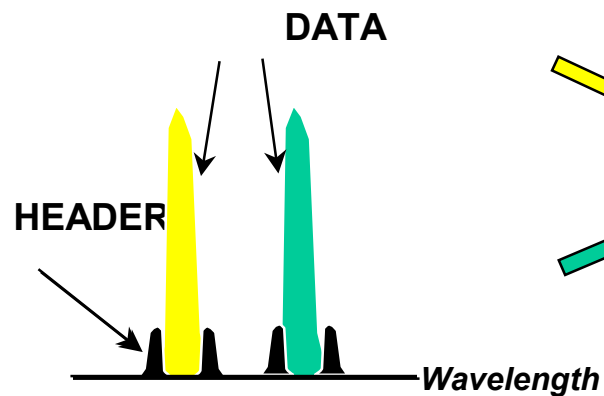


# Optical Label Switching

## Optical Burst Switch

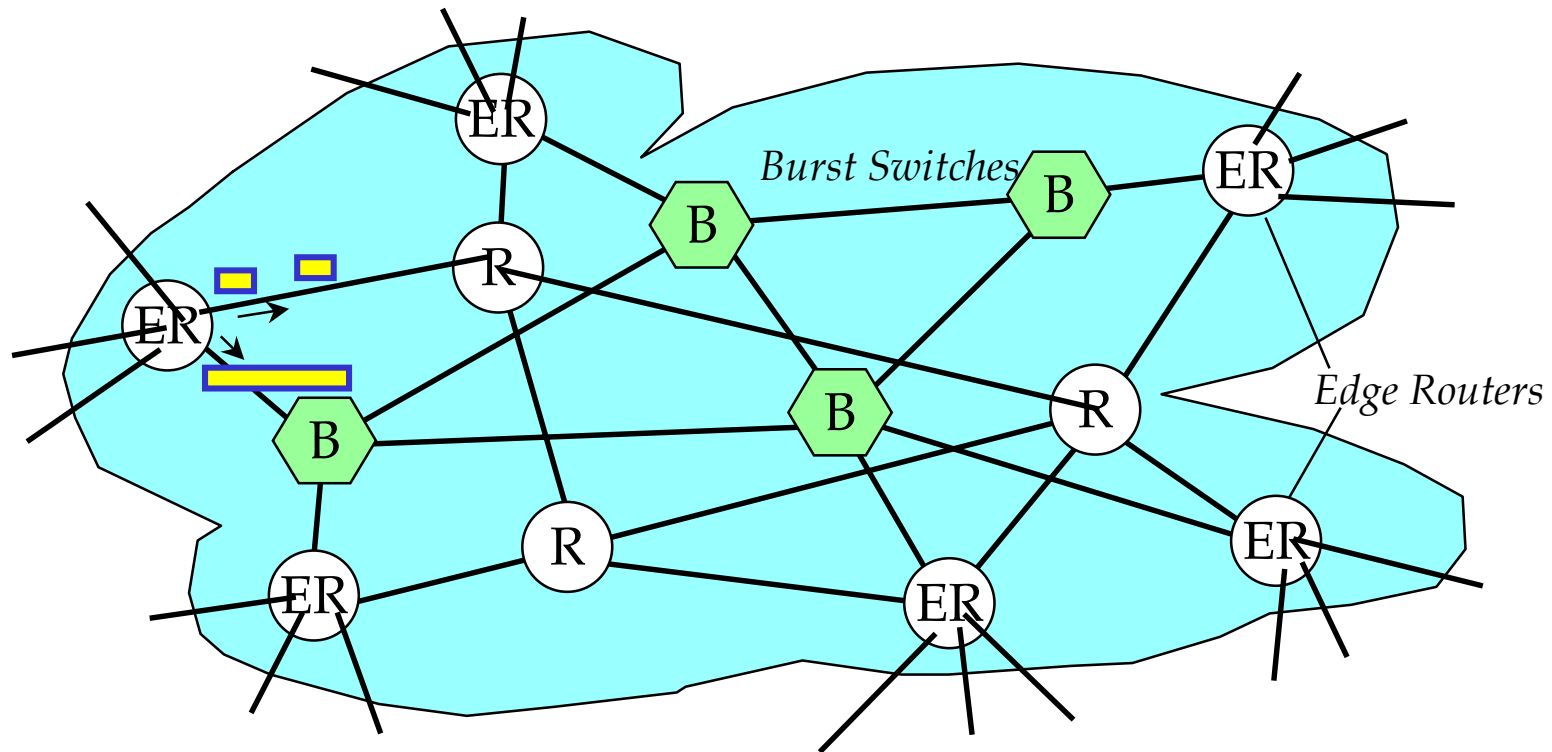


## Optical Label Switching



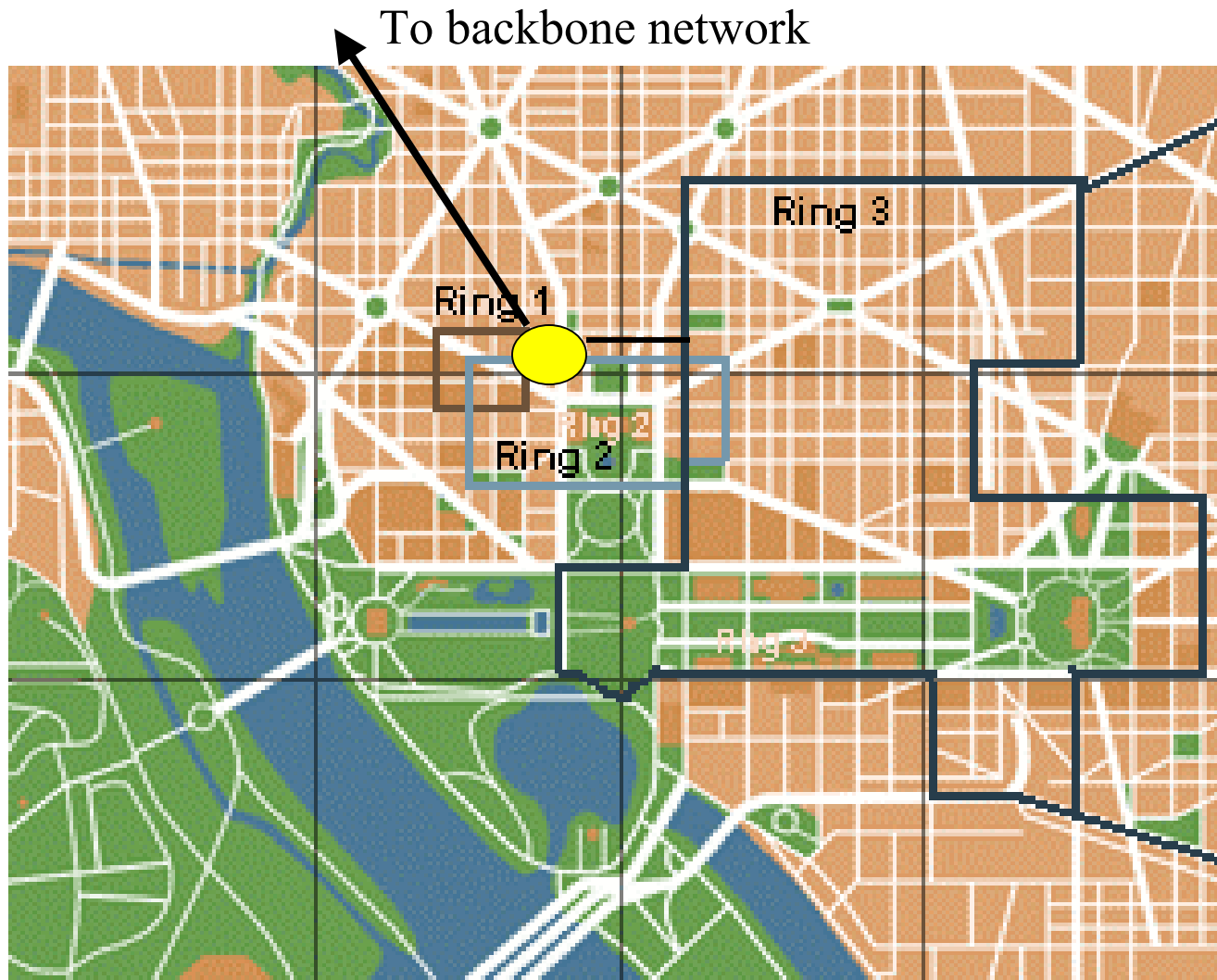
Telcordia.

## Inserting Burst Switches into Data Network



- Use packet classification in *Edge Routers* to separate packets by length.
  - long packets (ftp, http replies) to *Burst Switches*, short packets (acks, http requests, DNS lookups) to routers.
- Long packets usually part of longer data transfers.
  - allows burst switch interfaces to assemble larger bursts for efficient transmission
- Study burst formation using trace-based simulation & prototype if promising.

# Access & Distribution Network Architecture

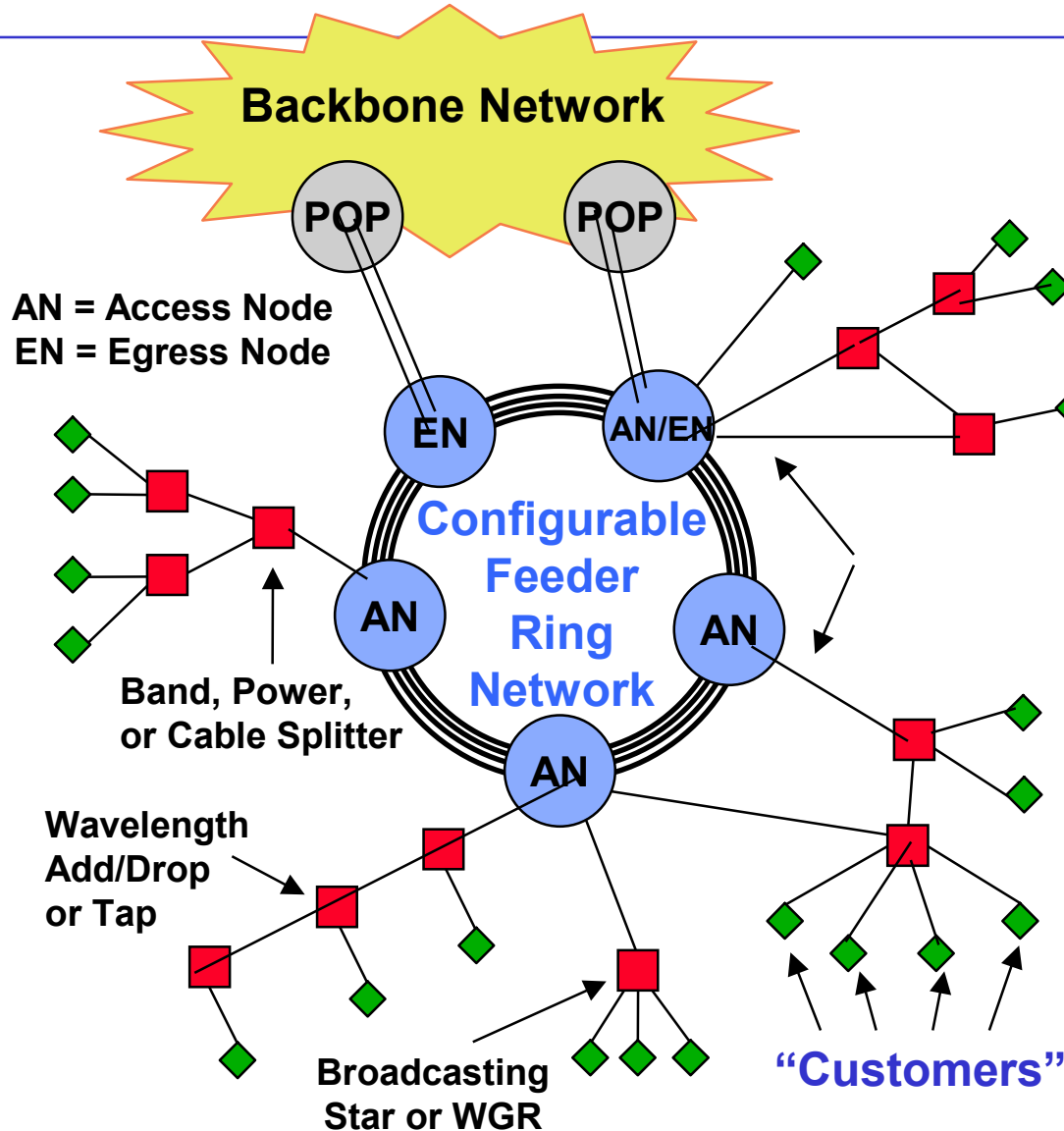


- service flexibility
- cost-effective architecture

ONRAMP  
MIT, LL,AT&T,  
JDS,Bay,Cabletron



# ONRAMP Testbed



- Regional Access Network Architecture ( 10-1000 sq miles )
- Feeder Ring Network
  - multi-fiber WDM ring
  - reconfigurable Access Nodes
  - full optical restoration
- Distribution Network
  - cost sensitivity
  - passive, transparent WDM
  - tree/bus/ring topology
- BW squandering to mitigate complexity?
- wavelength density in feeder vs distribution network?
- shared or routed wavelengths?
- optical bypass, MAC protocol
- push end-node performance

# Universal Network Access Module

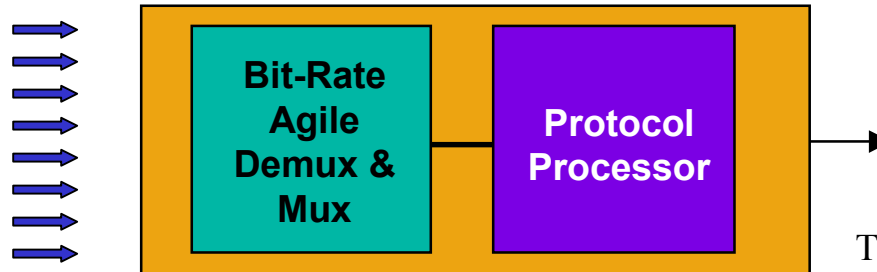
**Electronic IO modules at the core and the periphery of the network that can**

**-recognize and lock to the bit rate (bit-rate adaptability)**

**-recognize and handle different protocols (protocol agility)**

- *Protocol/bit-rate transparent IO for dynamically reconfigurable or burst switched networks*
- *Automated network upgrades without replacing hw (lock-on or sw downloads)*
  - *rapid deployment*
  - *adapt to new types of sensors, CPE's*
  - *minimum inventory*
- *Development & testing of new protocols*

- OC3/12/48c ATM / SONET
- OC3/12/48c IP/SONET
- Gigabit ethernet
- SMPTE 25/292
- IEEE 1394 (firewire)
- G-Link
- FDDI
- Fibre Channel
- “ngi protocol” e.g. IP/WDM



how economic?

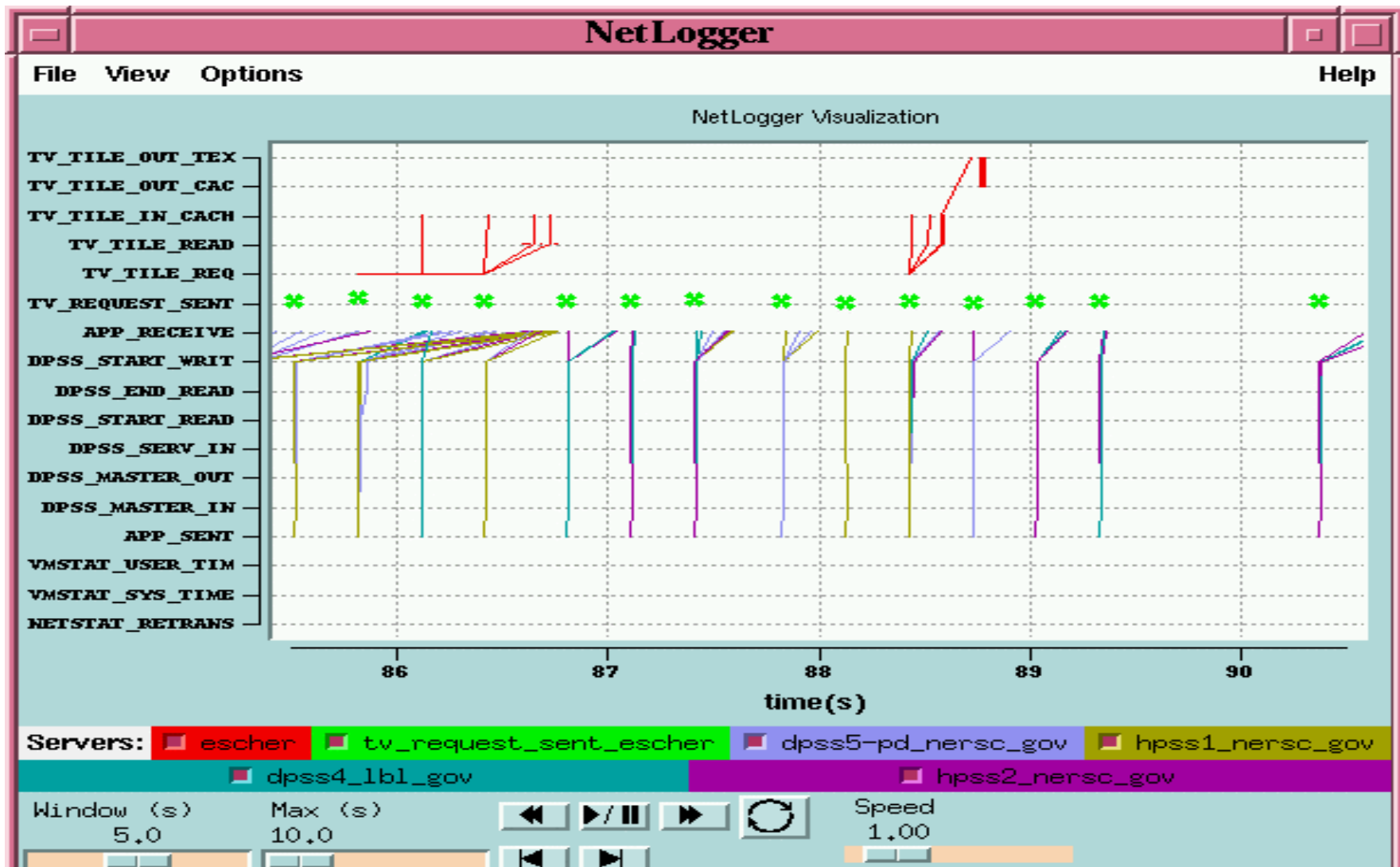
Tektronix: UNAS Project  
Bellcore: VBRI Project  
(see postdeadline paper)

# Networked Applications Performance Analysis: NetLogger Toolkit

application, host, network

- Application to application performance analysis tool
- Identifies bottlenecks in path of data flow: application , operating system, network level (e.g. CPU load, interrupt rate, TCP retransmission, window size...)
- Post-hoc and real-time analysis
- Event Log Generation , Analysis and Visualization Tools (depict event points, load-line, lifeline)

# NetLogger/NLV analysis of a TerraVision with DPSS



# Network Engineering: Network Monitoring, Analysis and Visualization

- Monitor and automate the discovery of the topology and traffic behavior of the Internet and future networks on a global scale.
- What makes this hard:
  - no central authority
  - scale (span and speed)
  - capturing dynamic behavior
  - visualization

Tools :

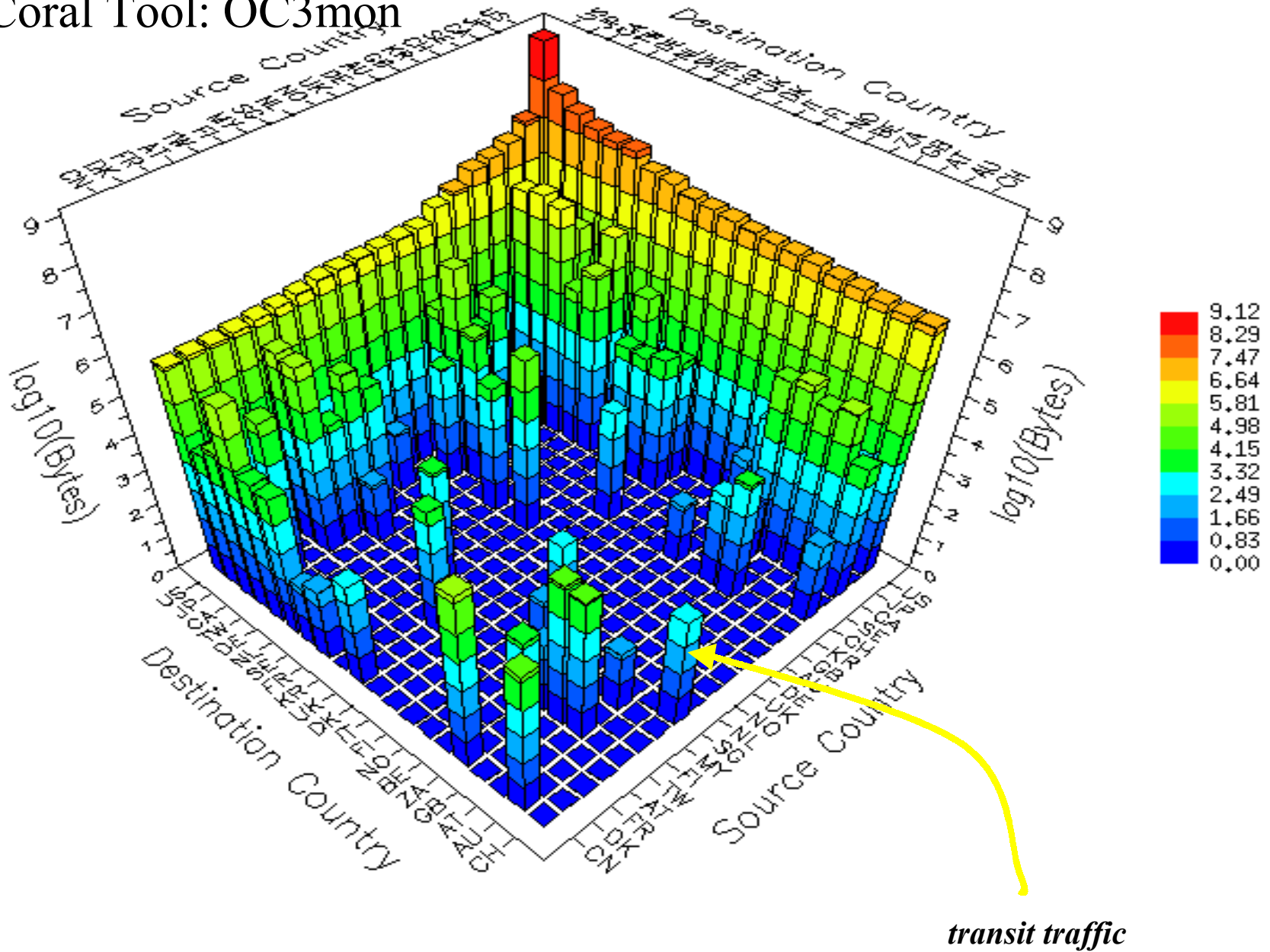
“*skitter*” (active measurements: performance, topology)

“*coral*” monitors (passive measurements over high speed links)

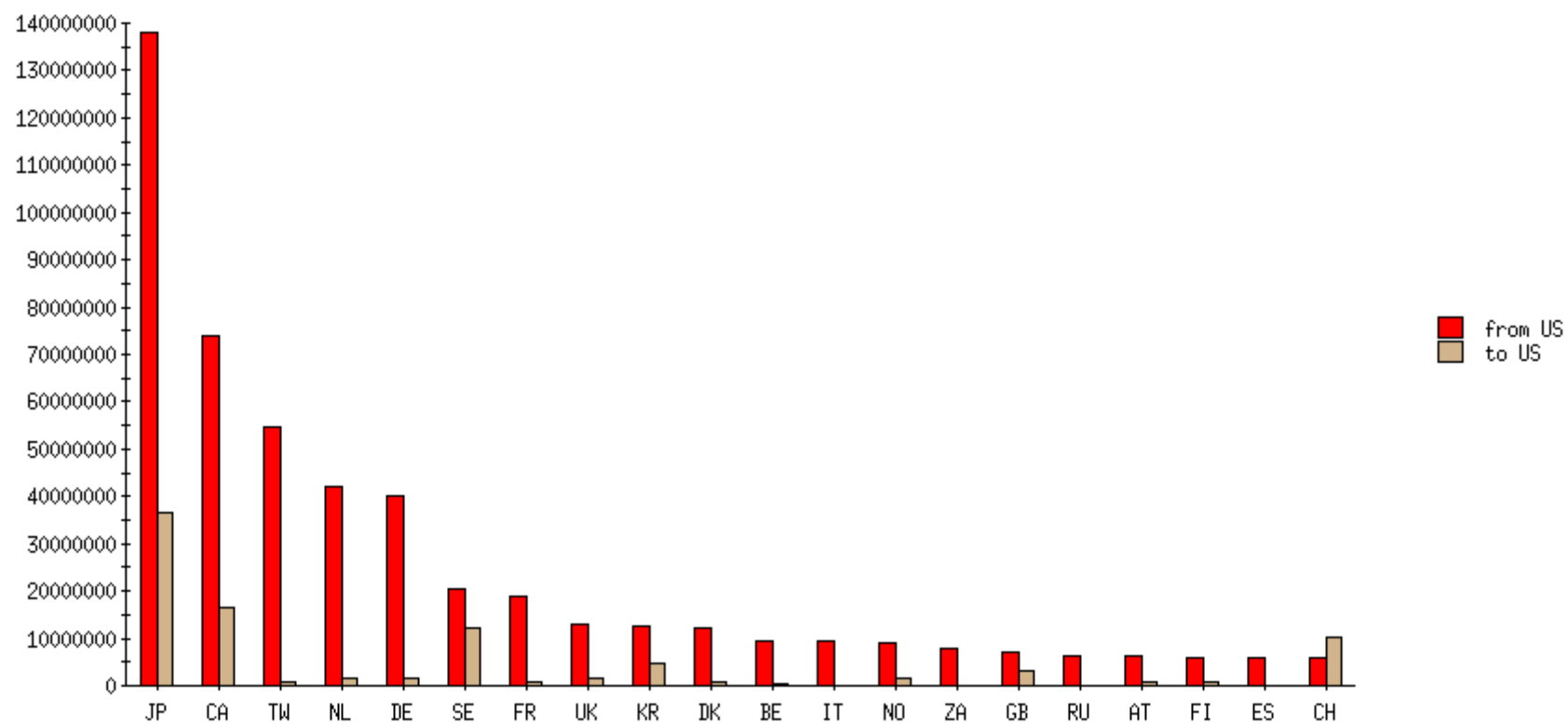
UCSD/CAIDA

(Cooperative Association for Internet Data Analysis)

## Coral Tool: OC3mon



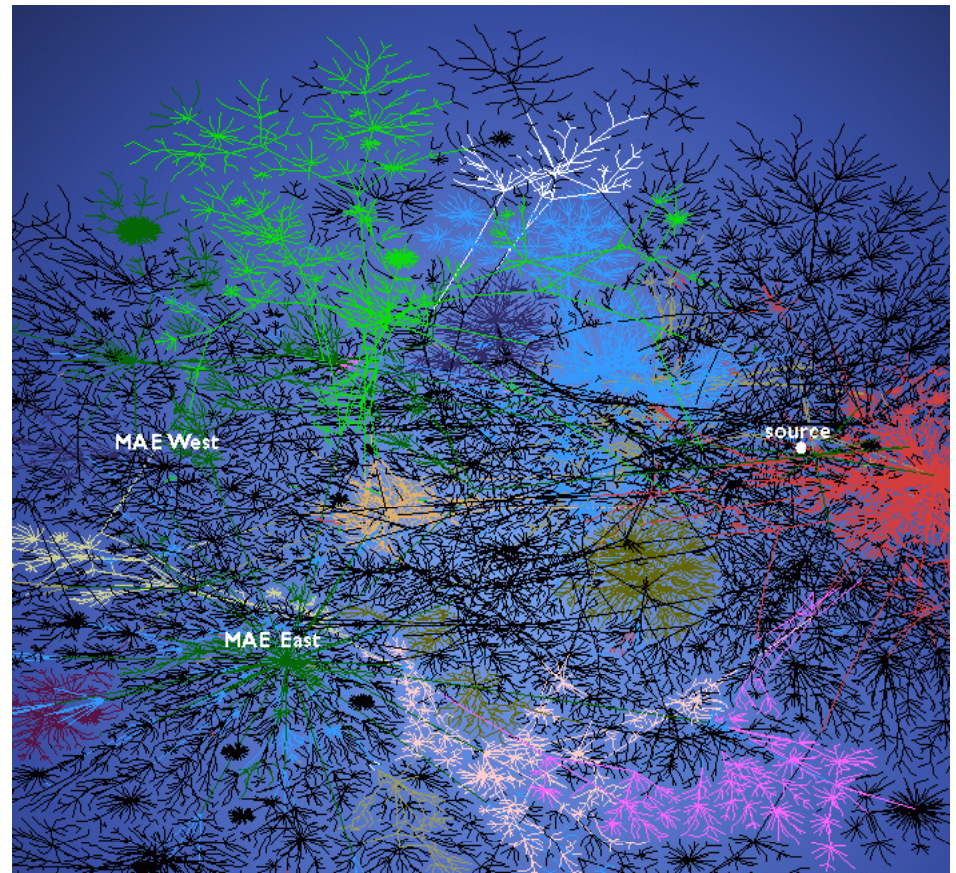
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# Network Tomography

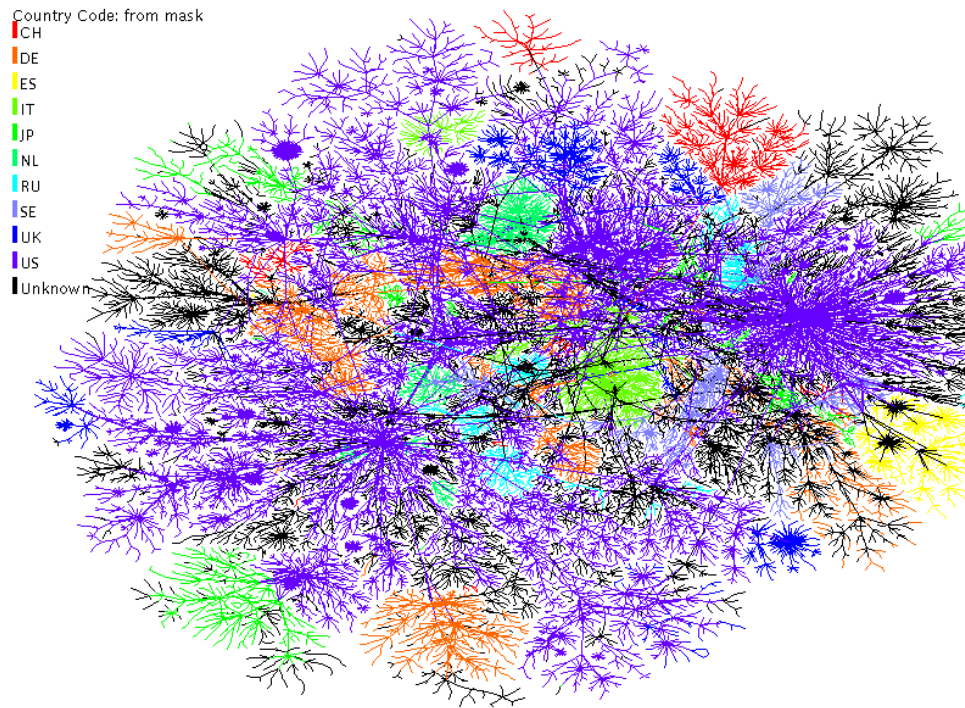
- Network “Radar” :Global connectivity information
- Measure IP paths (“hops”) from source to MANY ( $\sim 10^4$ ) destinations
- Use 52 byte ICMP echo requests (every 30 min.) as probes
- Challenges:
  - pervasive measurement with minimal load on infrastructure
  - visualization



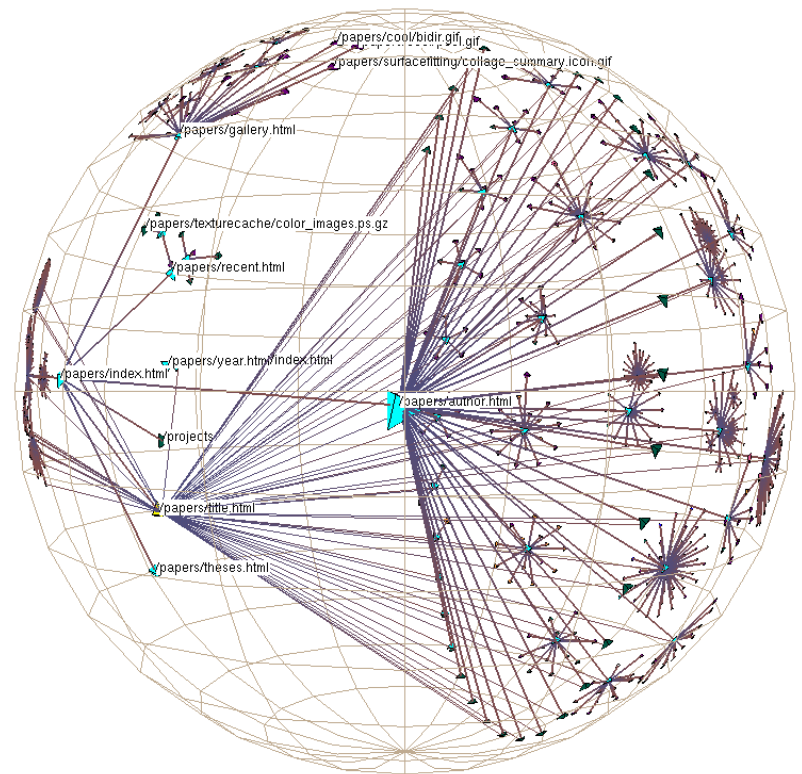


# Visualizations of connectivity / topology

colored by country-level domain

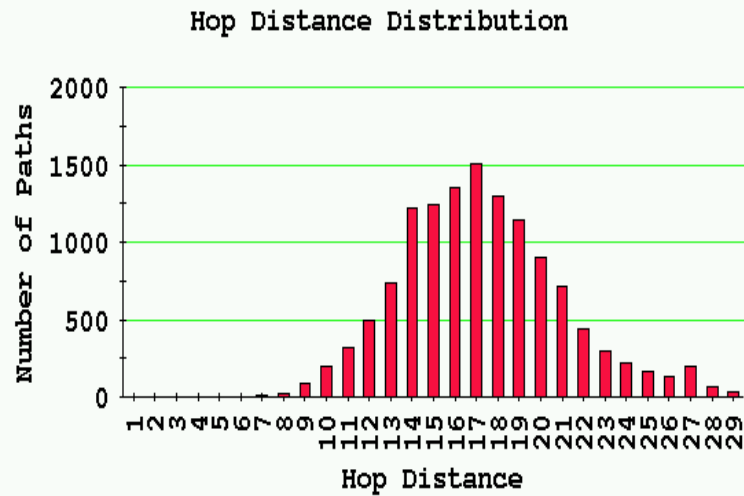


alternative visualization

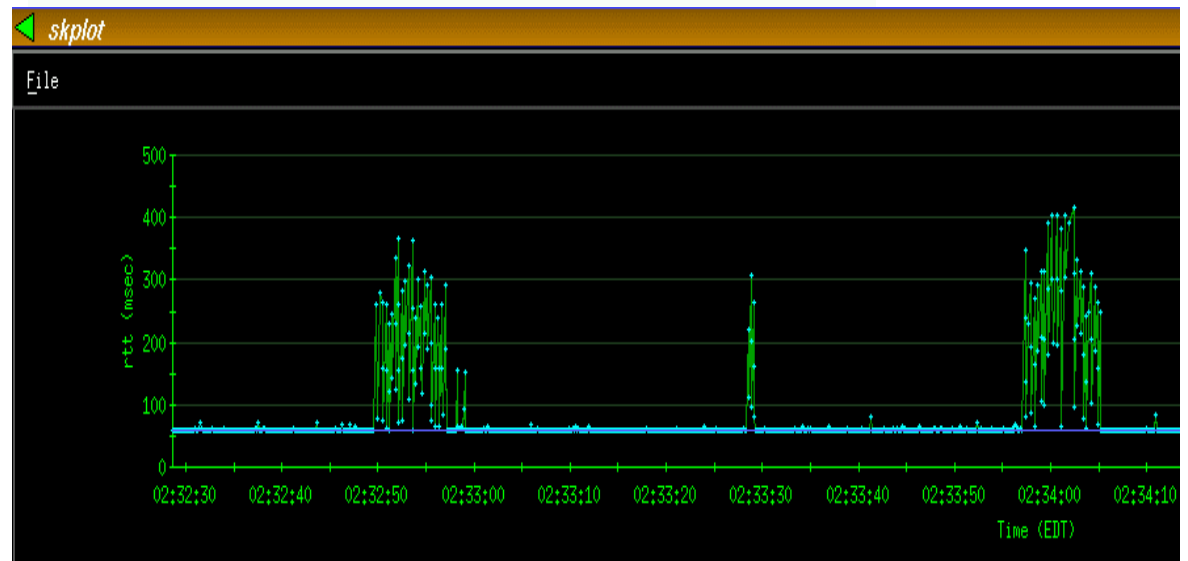


# Internet Tomography

hop count histogram

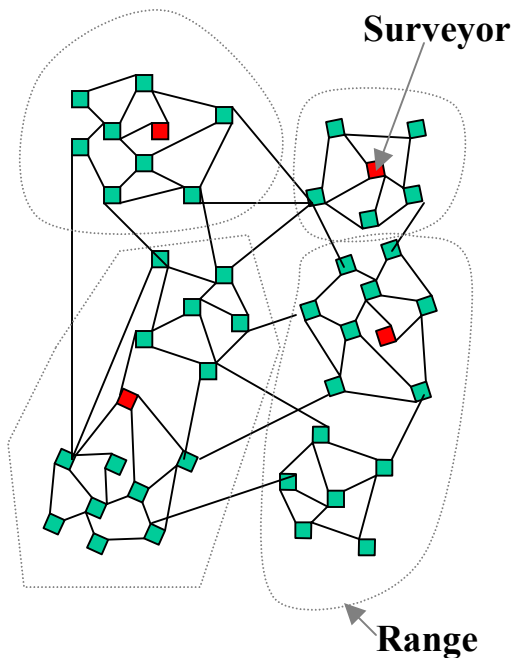


temporal  
behavior



# Network Engineering: Adaptive Network Management Project

## Large-scale network fault isolation



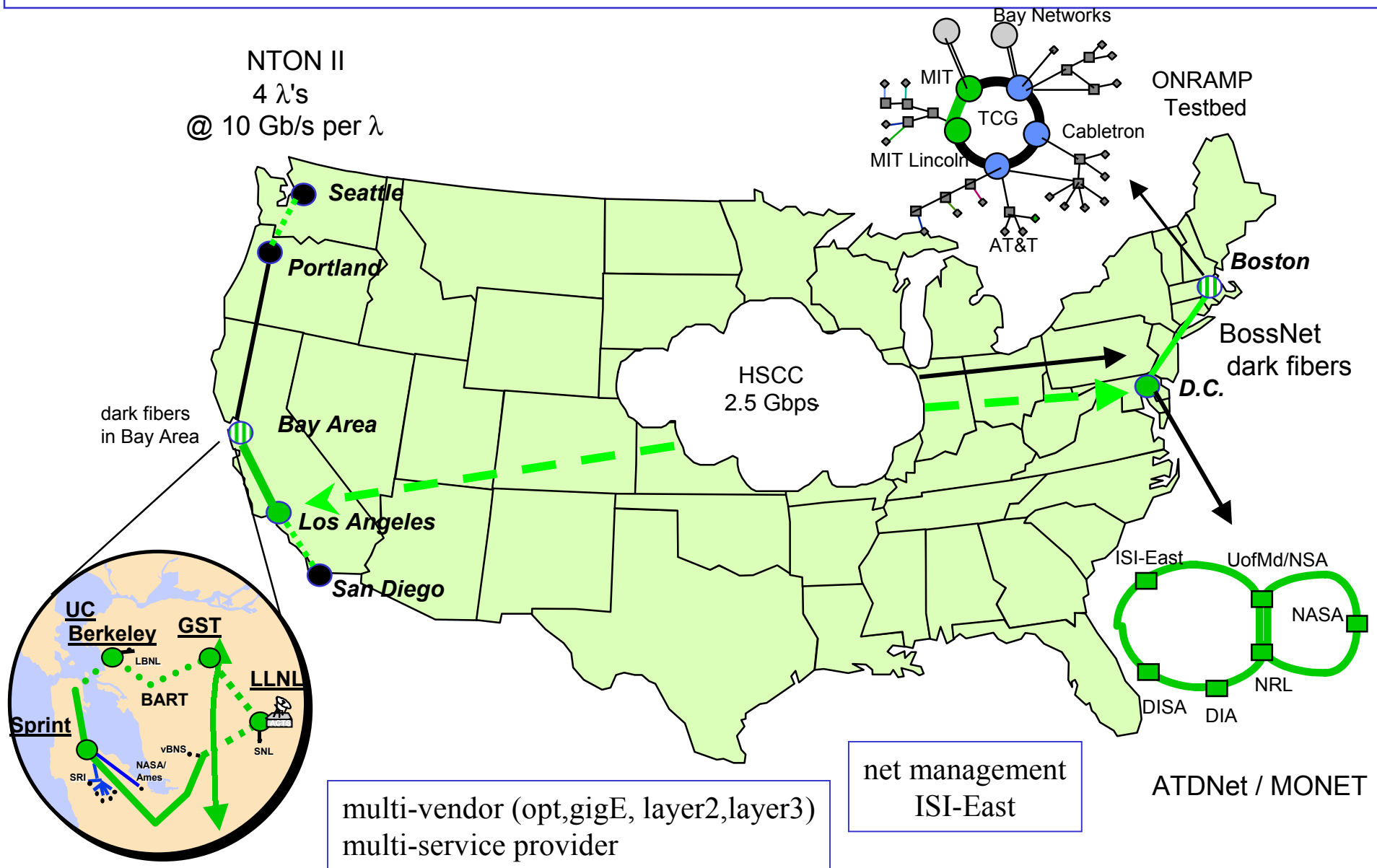
## Self-configuring network monitors

- Surveyors map neighborhood
- They coordinate with other surveyors to adjust their ranges
- Careful multicast based self-organization
  - continuous range expansion
  - range description exchange
  - back off
- ...eventually adapts to surveyor failure, network partitions

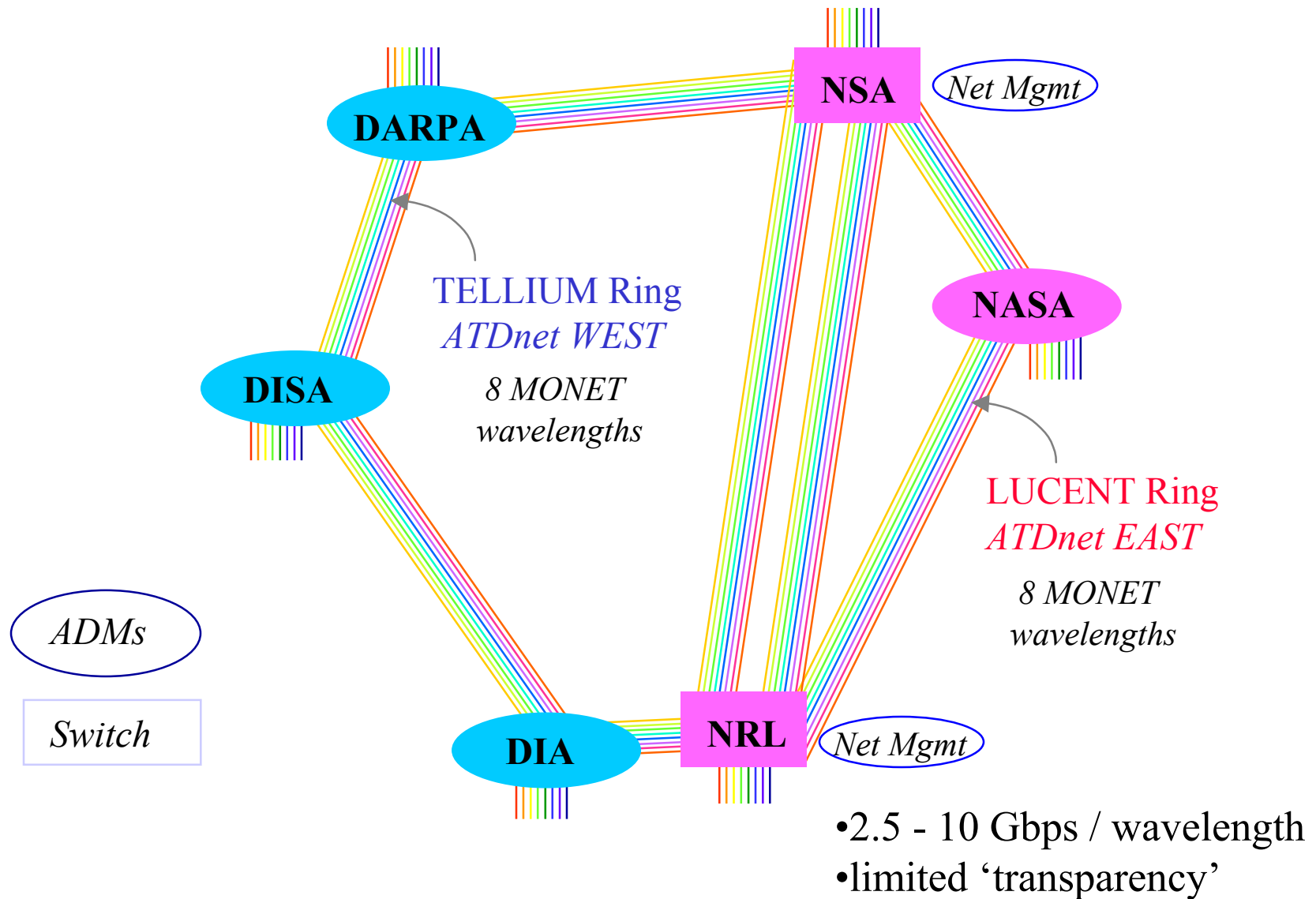
Adapts to network traffic & fault (link cut, node failure, congestion, network partition).

SCAN: UCSC & ISI

# SUPERNET TESTBED (www.ngi-supernet.org)

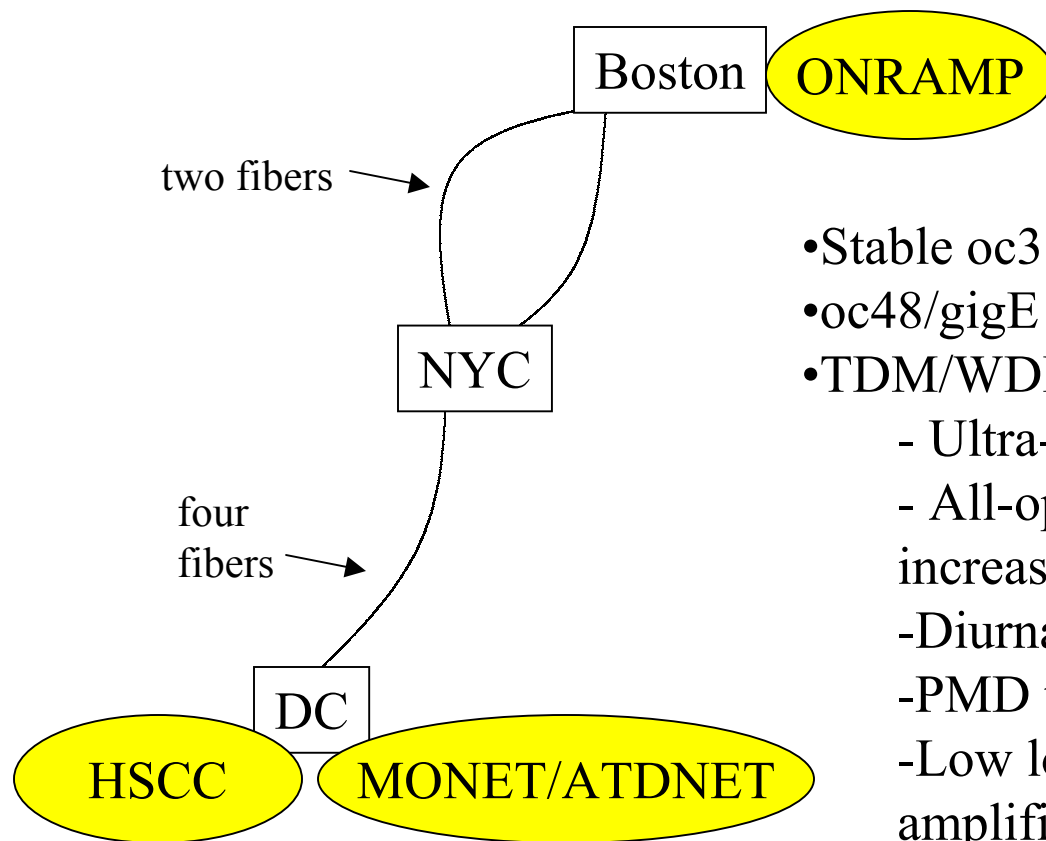


# ATDNET-MONET TESTBED



## BOSSNET Testbed

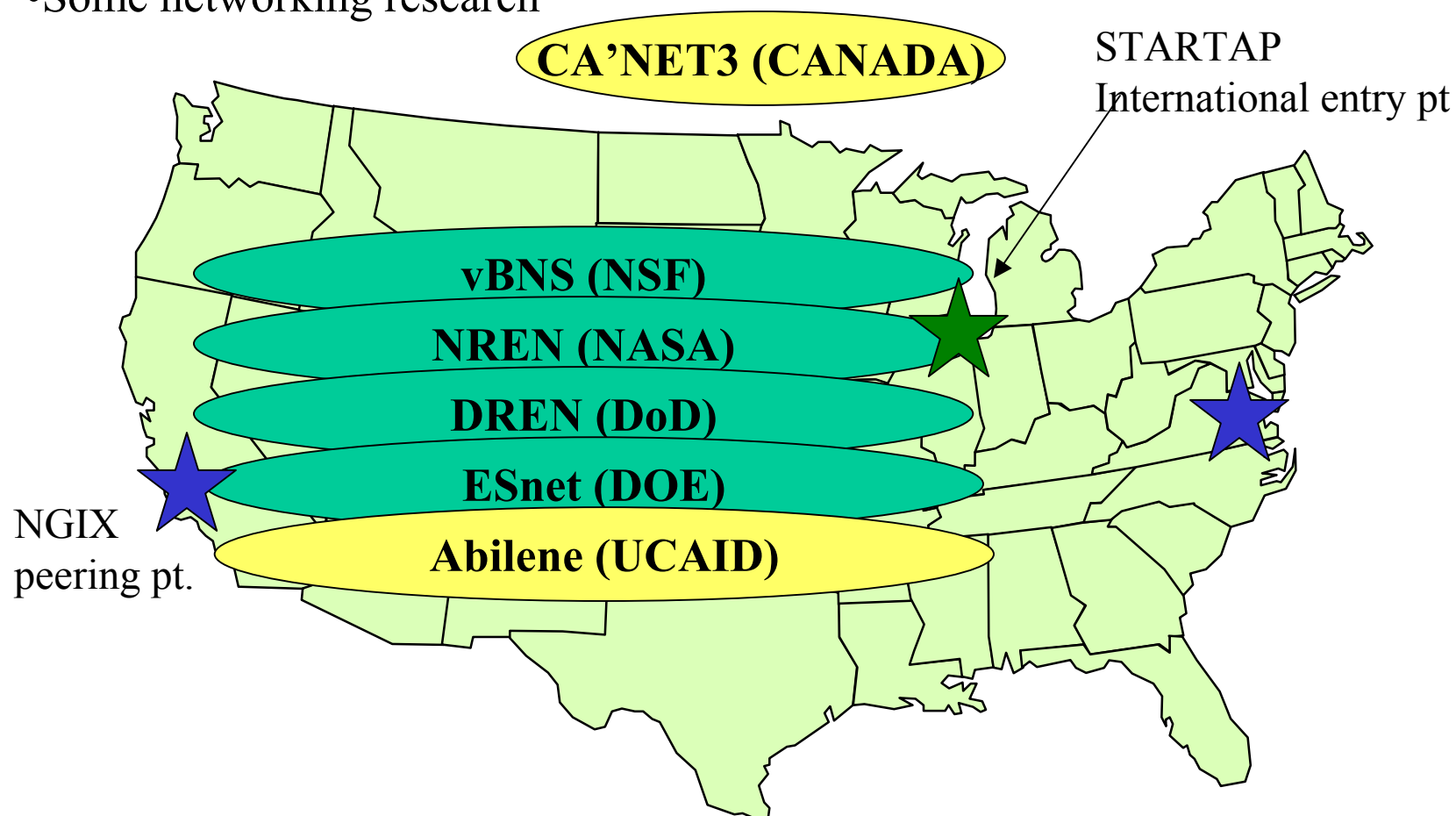
- four fibers along inland/coast rail routes between Washington DC and Boston
- 29 huts being populated with custom equipment (span length 40-100km)
- connection between HSCC, MONET/ATDNet, ONRAMP networks



- Stable oc3 channel  $\Rightarrow$  for apps
- oc48/gigE channel  $\Rightarrow$  for apps
- TDM/WDM Experiments over installed fiber:
  - Ultra-short-pulse 100 Gbps transmission
  - All-optical R<sup>2</sup> regeneration over increasing spans (incl. loopbacks)
  - Diurnal clock recovery investigations
  - PMD tracking/mitigation techniques
  - Low loss window extensions (Raman amplifiers)

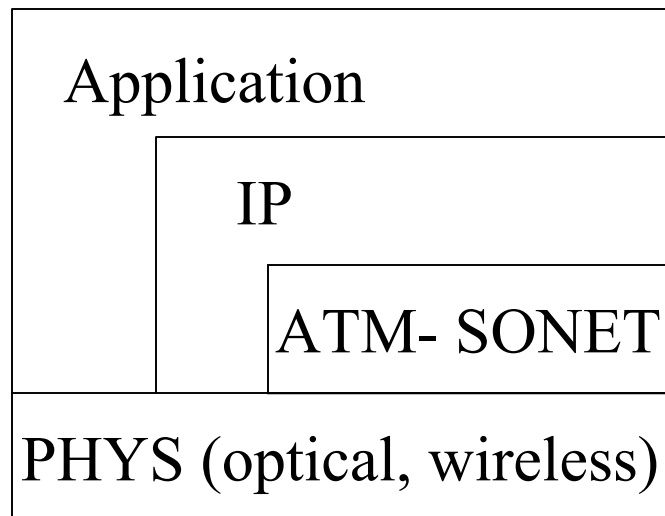
## Other NGI Testbeds

- Stable applications focused testbed connecting primarily for universities, govt labs.
- Most built on carrier service, POS or IP/ATM ,backbone speeds OC3-OC48
- Some networking research



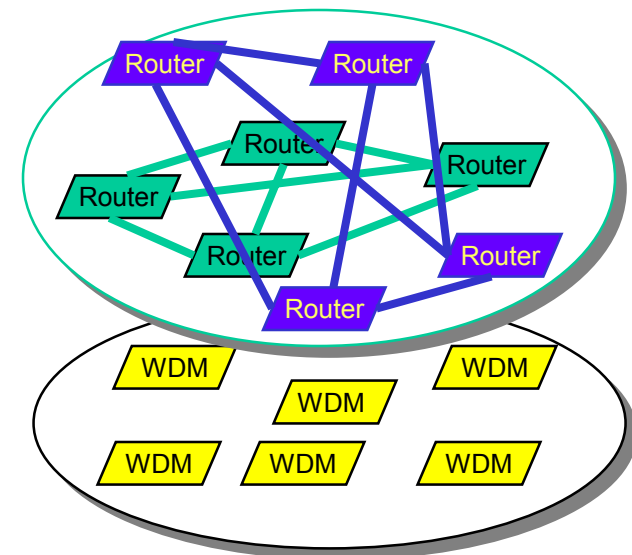
# SuperNet Research Testbed

- networking research AND applications research network
- research in different networking layers (incl. phys) over the shared resource
- trick: use overlays (e.g. atm pvc's or wavelength defined subnet)
- default network state == working, NOT DOWN!!
- network THAT CAN BE BROKEN but carefully coordinated for service-affecting experiments



*overlayed  
layer 3 testbeds*  
e.g.  
•CAIRN  
•ABONE

e.g. optical or  
ATM layer





## CAIRN: Layer 3+ research

- Collaborative Inter-Agency Research Network
- Stable layer 2
- Researchers control programmable routers over wide-area network
- Examples of research: multicast routing, IPsec, DNS security, video conferencing
- Currently 31 sites (industry, government, university) over commercial ATM service

# Gigabit Desktop

Original Implementation Plan: 10's of end nodes at gbps speeds

Planning:

Multiple tens of end sites, each with a few gbps end-systems

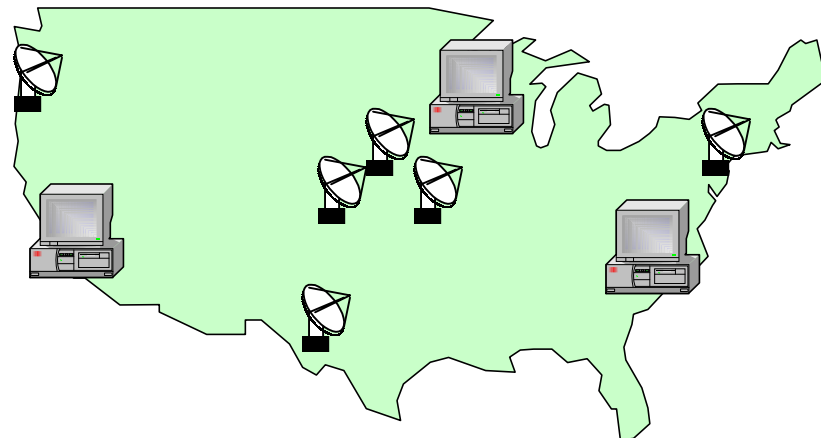
Gigabit desktop technology development:

- Gbps host/NIC/Service Cards (won't be available for another 14 months)
- Wavelength to the desktop (user or app triggered flow/burst switch)
- TCP+

But what can we immediately with COTS equipment (namely gigE) now?  
Can we connect 100's of gbps desktops over SuperNet?

# Real-Time Testing and Experimentation Applications

- Network unique or costly facilities/resources with users & one another.
- Distributed radar control
  - virtual radar console for real time experiments by remote users  
(experimenting with design of aircraft cone radar, surveillance satellite radars..)
  - new operational paradigm
- Device fabrication and testing
  - network labs for MEMS device fabrication, testing/characterization, designers, users.



# CSU-CHILL Radar for Remote Sensing and Meterological Analysis



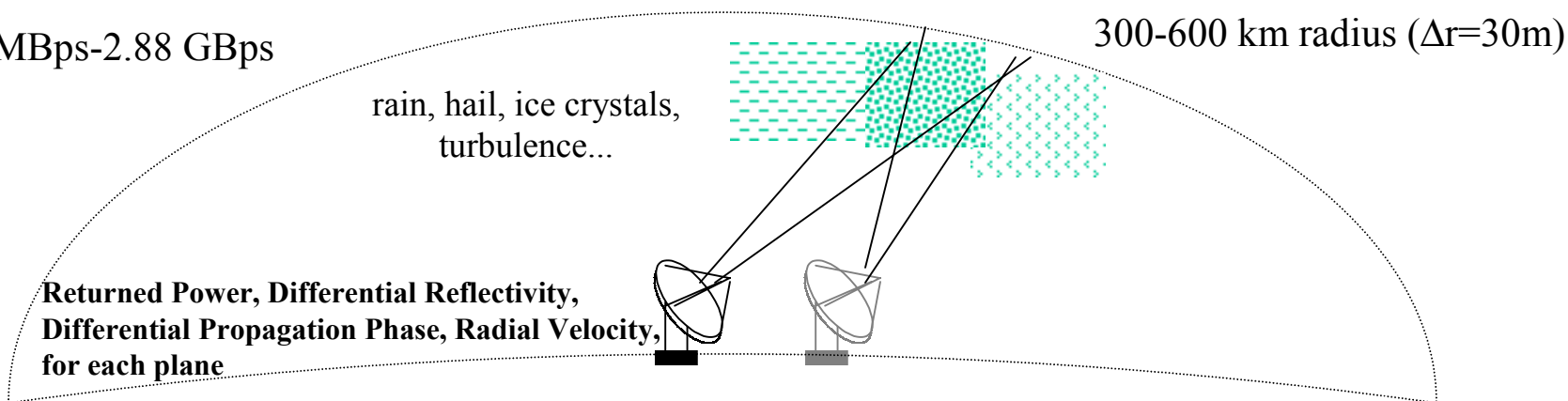
*EM transparent dome,  
trailer, radar -- mobile*

240 MBps-2.88 GBps

**to the network**



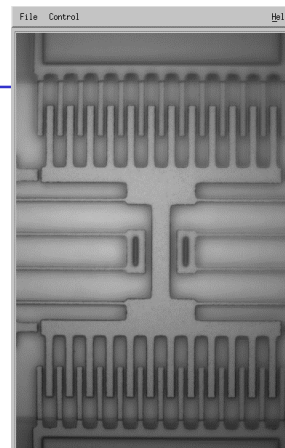
polarimetric,  
Doppler radar



# MATISSE: Computer Microvision Workstations

Characterize MEMS devices by applying cw signal (variable amplitude/freq.)

Optically monitor device response over varying focal planes



Acoustic/vibrational isolation chamber

Waveform Generator:

- 12-bit waveform generation
- MHz frequencies with mHz resolution
- flexible stroboscopic control

Scientific Microscope:

- ultra-high resolution motor control
- stroboscopic LED illumination

CCD camera system:

- Megapixel camera & frame grabber

typical dataset 10 Gbytes

MIT, CMU, Berkeley, LBL

# Digital Earth

**Open, distributed, scalable multi-resolution 3-D representation of the earth into which massive quantities of geo-referenced information can be embedded.**

- Use Domain Name System to develop a hierarchy of servers responsible for geographic cells of earth.
- Enhance today's text-indexing with geographic indexing web to geographically indexed.
- With Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML), so with standard browser with plug-in & ~ 50 Mbps, navigate the 3-D model.
- Collaboration between SRI, Planet9 Studios, Sprint.

# Others

- digital amphitheater (conferencing 1000 people)
- multicasting HDTV (collab. with PBS)
- medical app
- crisis management

# Inter-Agency Collaboration

## Joint Reviews

- Proposal review
- Project reviews
- PI meeting

Funding of development of tools used on NGI testbed

Cofunding of projects & workshops (CAIDA, CAIRN, NTON,  
Dec. Internet Economics Workshop)

Experiment, demonstration, field trial coordination using testbeds  
(NRT meetings, recent Terravision demo)

Participation in research (e.g. NASA, NIST, researchers,  
also NRL, DISA, NSA..)